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### **DETAILED ACTION**

### Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/29/07 has been entered.

Claims 1-12 and 22 are canceled.

Claims 13-21 and 23-28 are pending.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

1. Claims 13, 16, 17 and 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

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Claim 13 requires "at least one of the external gateways having at least one of the characteristics of excluding an input device, or excluding a display device".

However, the Examiner submits that no support can be found in the specification to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the claimed at least one of the external gateways having at least one of the characteristics of excluding an input device, or excluding a display device without undue experimentation.

Even though, para. [0010] of the Specification (referring to the Clean Substitute Specification) of the instant application teaches that each gateway does not necessarily have to have a user interface. The Examiner submits that the teaching from the disclosure of the instant application (i.e. each gateway does not necessarily have to have a user interface) is not commensurate in scope with the claimed subject matter (i.e. at least one of the characteristics of excluding an input device, or excluding a display device). Thus, the Examiner submits that the disclosure of the instant application fails to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the claimed subject matter without undue experimentation.

Claim 16 requires that wherein <u>only</u> information about external gateways within range of the local-area transceiver defined by at least one of the stored data records is displayed for selection. Claim 17 requires that wherein <u>only</u> information about external gateways within range of the local-area transceiver that have authorized the terminal to establish the connection is displayed for selection.

More specifically, the Examiner submits that the Specification of the instant application teaches that the terminal should display only the gateways which are really

important for the user (see para. [0016]). Furthermore, the Examiner submits that the Specification of the instant application teaches displaying information about external gateways within range of the local-area transceiver defined by at least one of the stored data records for selection and displaying information about external gateways within range of the local-area transceiver that have authorized the terminal to establish the connection for selection, as shown by Applicants' remark filed 11/29/07.

However, the Examiner submits that the Specification of the instant application does not enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the claimed limitation that <a href="mailto:exclusively">exclusively</a> displaying of information about external gateways within the range without undue experimentation.

Claims 26-28 require an internal gateway (fig. 2, WAN transceiver 45) for allowing a telecommunications device (e.g. another terminal 103) to establish a connection to the mobile radio communication network.

However, the Examiner submits that no support can be found in the specification to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the claimed internal gateway interfacing a telecommunications device as an external gateway to the mobile radio communication network.

More specifically, para. [0010] of the Specification teaches that the gateway functionality can be integrated in the mobile terminals, so that mobile terminals can establish contact <u>directly</u> via the short range network and <u>circumventing</u> any other infrastructure (i.e. mobile radio network).

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Thus, the Examiner submits that the Specification does not enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the claimed mobile terminal comprising an internal gateway interfacing a telecommunications device as an external gateway to the mobile radio communication network.

## Claim Objections

2. Claim 23 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant is required to cancel the claim(s), or amend the claim(s) to place the claim(s) in proper dependent form, or rewrite the claim(s) in independent form.

Claim 23 recites identical limitations from claim 19 as amended.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 3. Claims 13-18, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kotzin (US Pub No. 2004/0204076 A1) in view of Herring et al. (US. 7,177,287 B1; hereinafter "Herring")

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Regarding **claim 13**, Kotzin teaches a telecommunications terminal (see Kotzin, fig. 1, subscriber device 103) having a user interaction function adapted to establish a telecommunications connection (see Kotzin, fig. 2, user interface 112, para. [0013]), comprising:

a local-area transceiver (see Kotzin, fig. 2, LAN transceiver 209) adapted for wireless traffic between the telecommunications terminal and a plurality of external gateways (see Kotzin, para. [0016], lines 4-6, establishing connections with external devices), each external gateway providing access to a communications network (see Kotzin, para. [0029], lines 1-13);

a display device adapted for displaying information about a plurality of external gateways within range of the local-area transceiver (see Kotzin, fig. 2, display 217, fig. 4, step 417 and para. [0029], lines 7-13);

a selection unit (see Kotzin, fig. 2, keypad 215) adapted to select one of the plurality of external gateways displayed by the display device in order to establish the telecommunication connection to the respective communications network via the selected gateway (see Kotzin, fig. 4 step 419, para. [0029], lines 11-16).

Kotzin is silent to teaching that at least one of the external gateways having at least one of the characteristics of excluding an input device, or excluding a display device. However, the claimed limitation is well known in the art as evidenced by Herring.

In the field of endeavor, Herring teaches a telecommunications terminal (see Herring, fig. 2, PDA 100, col. 4, lines 21-39) wherein at least one of the external

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gateways having at least one of the characteristics of excluding an input device, or excluding a display device (see Herring, fig. 2, base station 102c, col. 4, lines 40-43).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kotzin with the teaching of Herring in order to provide cost efficient access points for the mobile terminals (see Herring, col. 4, line 43).

Regarding **claim 14**, the combination of Kotzin and Herring also teaches the telecommunications terminal according to claim 13, wherein the local-area transceiver is adapted according to a Bluetooth standard having loadware adapted for connecting to the gateway (see Kotzin, para. [0015], lines 5-6 and 15-19).

Regarding **claim 15**, the combination of Kotzin and Herring also teaches the telecommunications terminal according to claim 13, wherein the local-area transceiver is adapted according to a wireless LAN having loadware adapted for connecting to the gateway (see Kotzin, para. [0015], lines 5-6 and 15-19).

Regarding **claim 16**, the combination of Kotzin and Herring also teaches the telecommunications terminal according to claim 13, further comprising a user-data memory (see Kotzin, memory 227) that stores connection-data records, each record having of a predetermined connection that can be established between the external gateway and the telecommunications terminal (see Kotzin, fig. 2, connection est. 237;

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para. [0016], lines 4-6), wherein only information about external gateways within range of the local-area transceiver defined by at least one of the stored data records is displayed for selection (see Kotzin, fig. 4, step 417, displaying availability of detected external devices from step 403, para. [0028-0029]).

Regarding claim 17, the combination of Kotzin and Herring also teaches the telecommunications terminal according to claim 16, further comprising an authentication-data input (see Kotzin, fig. 2, keypad 215) for inputting an authentication data of a user (see Kotzin, para. [0021], lines 1-3; "device profile"), the data authentication-data interfacing with the local-area transceiver for transmitting the authentication data to the gateway (see Kotzin, para. [0021], lines 9-20),

wherein the external gateway determines from the authentication data if the terminal is authorized to establish the connection via the gateway (see Kotzin, para. [0021-0022]), and

wherein only information about the external gateways within range of the localarea transceiver that have authorized the terminal to establish the connection is displayed for selection (see Kotzin, fig. 4, step 417, displaying availability of detected external devices from step 403, para. [0028-0029]).

Regarding claim 18, the combination of Kotzin and Herring also teaches the telecommunications terminal according to claim 17, further comprising a processor and memory (see Kotzin, fig. 2, processor 208 and memory 227) to provide PDA

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functionality that is independent of the telecommunications functions (see Kotzin, para. [0026], lines 12-15, platform independent language).

Regarding **claim 24**, the combination of Kotzin and Wilcock also teaches the telecommunications terminal according to claim 17, wherein the authentication data includes information of a telecommunication terminal authorized to establish the connection to the wireless network via the terminal (see Kotzin, para. [0021]).

Regarding **claim 25**, the combination of Kotzin and Wilcock also teaches the telecommunications terminal 13, wherein the display of the plurality of external gateways within range of the local-area transceiver (see Kotzin, fig. 4, display step 417) includes a cost of using the respective gateway to establish the telecommunication connection (see Kotzin, para. [0029], lines 3-7).

4. Claims 19-21 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kotzin in view of Pradhan et al. (US. 6,968,178 B2; hereinafter "Pradhan")

Regarding **claim 19**, Kotzin teaches a telecommunications assembly (see Kotzin, fig. 1, subscriber device 103 and notebook 113), comprising:

a telecommunications terminal (subscriber device 103) having a user interaction function adapted to establish a telecommunications connection (see Kotzin, fig. 2, user interface 112, para. [0013]), comprising:

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a signaling mechanism adapted for signaling incoming calls to the selected connection (see Kotzin, fig. 2, speaker 219);

an input device adapted for inputting outgoing messages and a telecommunications connections data (see Kotzin, fig. 2, keypad 215, microphone 221); a display device adapted for displaying incoming messages (see Kotzin, fig. 2, display 217);

a local-area transceiver (see Kotzin, fig. 2, LAN transceiver 209) adapted for wireless traffic between the telecommunications terminal and an external gateway (see Kotzin, fig. 1, notebook 113) for establishing the telecommunications connection (see Kotzin, fig. 1, wireless LAN connection 111; para. [0012], lines 22-23, PSTN 125);

an internal gateway (see Kotzin, fig. 2, WAN transceiver 203 and controller 207), for connecting to a mobile radio communications network (see Kotzin, fig. 1, WAN wireless connection 109; para. [0012], lines 7-10) and for interfacing to the selection mechanism (see Kotzin, fig. 2, keypad), the signaling mechanism (speaker), the input device (microphone), and the output device (display), wherein the telecommunications terminal is configured as a mobile-radio-communications terminal (see Kotzin, para. [0012], lines 3-5), and

an authentication-data input mechanism allowing an authentication-data input (see Kotzin, fig. 2, keypad 215), the authentication-data input mechanism interfacing with the local-area transceiver for transmitting the authentication data (see Kotzin, para. [0021], lines 1-3; "device profile"; para. [0021], lines 9-20); and an external gateway (see Kotzin, fig. 1, notebook 113), comprising:

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a local-area transceiver (see Kotzin, fig. 3, LAN transceiver 303; para. [0017], lines 14-18) adapted to receive transmission from telecommunications terminal including the authentication-data input (see Kotzin, fig. 1, LAN wireless connection 111); and

an access control mechanism (see Kotzin, para. [0022], lines 1-2; security firewall) adapted to block traffic to an unauthorized telecommunications terminal based on the authentication-data input and to release traffic to an authorized telecommunications terminal based on the authentication-data input (see Kotzin, para. [0021], lines 9-20 and para. [0022], lines 1-16).

Kotzin is silent to teaching that wherein each local-area transceiver for a plurality of the telecommunication terminal s are configured for directly exchanging voice traffic with each other without the intermediate connection of an external network. However, the claimed limitation is well known in the art as evidenced by Pradhan.

In the same field of endeavor, Pradhan teaches a telecommunications assembly (see Pradhan, fig. 1) wherein each local-area transceiver for a plurality of the telecommunication terminals (see Pradhan, fig. 1, MS 10 and 12; 14a and 14b; col. 9, lines 20-38) are configured for directly exchanging voice (see Pradhan, col. 4, lines 6-7) traffic with each other without the intermediate connection of an external network (see Pradhan, fig. 2, Bluetooth 34, col. 10, lines 8-11).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teaching Kotzin with the teaching of

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Pradhan in order to provide free short range connection and cost efficient methods for communication (see Pradhan, col. 4, lines 10-11).

Regarding **claim 20**, the combination of Kotzin and Pradhan also teaches the telecommunications assembly according to claim 19, wherein the external gateway excludes a signaling mechanism (see Kotzin, fig. 1, speaker 121, para. [0015]), an input device (keyboard 117), and a display device (display 115).

Regarding claim 21, the combination of Kotzin and Pradhan also teaches the telecommunications assembly according to claim 19, wherein the local-area transceiver includes a threshold discriminator (see Kotzin, fig. 2, antenna of the LAN transceiver 209) for detecting an entry into the radio transmission range of an telecommunications terminal (see Kotzin, fig. 4, step 403 "detecting external device"), the threshold discriminator is operatively connected to a communications-start control device (see Kotzin, fig. 2, controller 207) for initiating a communications start procedure with the telecommunications terminal after entering into the radio transmission range (see Kotzin, fig. 4, step 409 to 423; para. [0029]).

Regarding **claim 23**, the combination of Kotzin and Pradhan also teaches the telecommunications assembly according to claim 19, wherein each local-area transceiver for a plurality of the telecommunication terminals (see Pradhan, fig. 1, MS 10 and 12; 14a and 14b; col. 9, lines 20-38) are configured for directly exchanging voice

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(see Pradhan, col. 4, lines 6-7) traffic with each other without the intermediate connection of an external network (see Pradhan, fig. 2, Bluetooth 34, col. 10, lines 8-11).

5. Claims 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kotzin in view of Herring and Wilcock et al. (US. 6,741,864 B2; hereinafter "Wilcock").

Regarding **claim 26**, the combination of Kotzin and Herring teaches the telecommunications terminal according to claim 13 comprises an internal gateway (see Kotzin, fig. 2, WAN transceiver 203 and controller 207) for connecting to a mobile radio communications network (see Kotzin, fig. 1, WAN wireless connection 109; para. [0012], lines 7-10).

Kotzin is silent to teaching that wherein the internal gateway interfaces to a telecommunications device as an external gateway to allow the telecommunications device to establish a telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communications network via the internal gateway and exchange voice communication via the telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communication network. However, the claimed limitation is well known in the art as evidenced by Wilcock.

In the field of endeavor, Wilcock teaches a telecommunications terminal (see Wilcock, fig. 11, cell phone 20) comprising an internal gateway (see Wilcock, fig. 11, Radio 22) for connecting to a mobile radio communications network (see Wilcock, fig.

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11, PLMN 10) and for interfacing to a telecommunications device as an external gateway (see Wilcock, fig. 11, camera 90, I/F 96 and 97) to allow the telecommunications device to establish a telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communications network via the internal gateway (see Wilcock, fig. 11, connection 105, col. 10, lines 10-16) and exchange voice communication via the telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communication network (see Wilcock, fig. 2, col. 3, lines 3-5).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kotzin and Herring with the teaching of Wilcock in order to utilize data bearer services of cellular radio network (see Wilcock, col. 2, lines 9-14).

Regarding **claim 28**, Kotzin teaches a telecommunications terminal (see Kotzin, fig. 1, subscriber device 103) having a user interaction function adapted to establish a telecommunications connection (see Kotzin, fig. 2, user interface 112, para. [0013]), comprising:

a local-area transceiver (see Kotzin, fig. 2, LAN transceiver 209) adapted for wireless traffic between the telecommunications terminal and a plurality of external gateways (see Kotzin, para. [0016], lines 4-6, establishing connections with external devices), each external gateway providing access to a communications network (see Kotzin, para. [0029], lines 1-13);

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a display device adapted for displaying information about a plurality of external gateways within range of the local-area transceiver (see Kotzin, fig. 2, display 217, fig. 4, step 417 and para. [0029], lines 7-13);

a selection unit (see Kotzin, fig. 2, keypad 215) adapted to select one of the plurality of external gateways displayed by the display device in order to establish the telecommunication connection to the respective communications network via the selected gateway (see Kotzin, fig. 4 step 419, para. [0029], lines 11-16); and

an internal gateway (see Kotzin, fig. 2, WAN transceiver 203 and controller 207) for connecting to a mobile radio communications network (see Kotzin, fig. 1, WAN wireless connection 109; para. [0012], lines 7-10).

Kotzin is silent to teaching that at least one of the external gateways having at least one of the characteristics of excluding an input device, or excluding a display device, and wherein the internal gateway interfaces to a telecommunications device as an external gateway to allow the telecommunications device to establish a telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communications network via the internal gateway. However, the claimed limitation is well known in the art as evidenced by Herring and Wilcock.

In the field of endeavor, Herring teaches a telecommunications terminal (see Herring, fig. 2, PDA 100, col. 4, lines 21-39) wherein at least one of the external gateways having at least one of the characteristics of excluding an input device, or excluding a display device (see Herring, fig. 2, base station 102c, col. 4, lines 40-43).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kotzin with the teaching of Herring in order to provide cost efficient access points for the mobile terminals (see Herring, col. 4, line 43).

The combination of Kotzin and Herring is silent to teaching that wherein the internal gateway interfaces to a telecommunications device as an external gateway to allow the telecommunications device to establish a telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communications network via the internal gateway. However, the claimed limitation is well known in the art as evidenced by Wilcock.

In the field of endeavor, Wilcock teaches a telecommunications terminal (see Wilcock, fig. 11, cell phone 20) comprising an internal gateway (see Wilcock, fig. 11, Radio 22) for connecting to a mobile radio communications network (see Wilcock, fig. 11, PLMN 10) and for interfacing to a telecommunications device as an external gateway (see Wilcock, fig. 11, camera 90, I/F 96 and 97) to allow the telecommunications device to establish a telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communications network via the internal gateway (see Wilcock, fig. 11, connection 105, col. 10, lines 10-16).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kotzin and Herring with the teaching of Wilcock in order to utilize data bearer services of cellular radio network (see Wilcock, col. 2, lines 9-14).

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6. Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kotzin and Pradhan as applied to claim 19 above, and further in view of Wilcock.

Regarding **claim 27**, the combination of Kotzin and Pradhan teaches the telecommunications terminal according to claim 19.

The combination of Kotzin and Pradhan is silent to teaching that wherein the internal gateway interfaces to a telecommunications device as an external gateway to allow the telecommunications device to establish a telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communications network via the internal gateway and exchange voice communication via the telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communication network. However, the claimed limitation is well known in the art as evidenced by Wilcock.

In the field of endeavor, Wilcock teaches a telecommunications terminal (see Wilcock, fig. 11, cell phone 20) comprising an internal gateway (see Wilcock, fig. 11, Radio 22) for connecting to a mobile radio communications network (see Wilcock, fig. 11, PLMN 10) and for interfacing to a telecommunications device as an external gateway (see Wilcock, fig. 11, camera 90, I/F 96 and 97) to allow the telecommunications device to establish a telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communications network via the internal gateway (see Wilcock, fig. 11, connection 105, col. 10, lines 10-16) and exchange voice communication via the telecommunication connection to the mobile radio communication network (see Wilcock, fig. 2, col. 3, lines 3-5).

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kotzin and Pradhan with the teaching of Wilcock in order to utilize data bearer services of cellular radio network (see Wilcock, col. 2, lines 9-14).

## Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to Kondou reference have been considered but are most in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant's arguments filed 11/29/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding the 112 rejection, in addition to the reasons set forth above, the Examiner submits that:

claim 13 reciting a external gateway excluding an input device or excluding a display device is not enable by the teaching that each gateway does not necessarily have to have a user interface;

claim 16 reciting only displaying information about the external gateways is not enable by the teaching of displaying information about the external gateways; and

claims 26-28 requiring an internal gateway for allowing a telecommunications device to establish a connection to the mobile radio communication network is not enabled by the teaching that the gateway functionality can be integrated in the mobile terminals.

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#### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wen W. Huang whose telephone number is (571) 272-7852. The examiner can normally be reached on 10am - 6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on (571) 272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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